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### TRY TO ISOLATE REVOLUTIONISTS

President Yuan Shi Kai  
Asks French Minister to  
Sever Public Services  
from Yunnan-Fu to the  
Sea

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

PEKING, Dec. 27.—The revolutionists in Yunnan declare that they are maintaining a republic and that they have the only legal government in China. President Yuan Shi Kai has asked the French minister to isolate the revolutionists by severing railway, telegraph and mail service from Yunnan-Fu to the sea. He also sought permission to send troops to Yunnan by the French railway. His requests were referred to the Paris government.

The foreign office issued a statement today saying that the revolutionists were acting on the mistaken belief that President Yuan Shi Kai had promised the triple entente powers special privileges if the change from a republic to a monarchy in China was not effected by him.

The statement authorizes the entire powers to make declaration that they have not interfered in Chinese internal affairs and never demanded special privileges. The statement also

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## IF AMERICAN ABOARD YASAKA MARU LIKELY TO COMPLICATE ANCONA CASE NEGOTIATIONS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The sinking of the Japanese steamship Yasaka Maru will be made the subject of diplomatic negotiations by the United States if it is established that an American citizen was on board, when, as described in official advice received today, a submarine of unknown nationality torpedoed the vessel without warning. This became known, though after the state department had officially announced that it had no record of an American passenger having been granted to W. A. Leigh, a survivor of the disaster who was then called in consul and press dispatches that an American citizen was on board.

Should it develop that Leigh actually is an American citizen the state department will feel justified in addressing inquiries to Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey in an effort to establish the nationality of the submarine. It is considered practically certain, however, that the craft was Austrian, as it is said in Teutonic quarters here that there were no German or Turkish submarines operating in the Mediterranean near where the Yasaka Maru was attacked.

State department officials are awaiting information in regard to Leigh with considerable anxiety. If he is entitled to the protection of the United States, the fact that he was aboard the liner undoubtedly will complicate the negotiations with Austria over the sinking of the Italian steamer Ancona.

There have been no developments in the Ancona incident, and none are expected before the reply of the foreign office is received, probably sometime this week. Officials here do not seek to minimize the seriousness of the situation as there has been no indication that Austria will accede to the American demands. On the contrary, a strong intimation has come from an authoritative source that the reply may not meet with the approval of the United States.

In Vienna the view apparently is rather optimistic, according to confidential advices from Ambassador Penfield, who has called a brief review of Austria-Hungarian public opinion which makes it appear

## MUSTERING OUT VILLA TROOPS HAS BEGUN AND ENLISTMENT TO START

GEORGE W. GLOVER  
DIES IN BLACK HILLS

SIOUX CITY, Dec. 27.—George W. Glover, 22 years old, only son of the late Mary Baker Eddy, head of the Christian Science church, died at his home in the Black Hills, near Lead, S. D., today. Glover attracted much attention before his mother's death by instituting a suit in Massachusetts to obtain a part of her fortune. He was awarded approximately \$250,000 after her death. He was not a Christian Scientist.

### PAN AMERICAN CONGRESS OPENS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Pan-Americanism, characterized by Secretary Lansing in his address of welcome as the "expression of the idea of internationalism" was the central thought in the speeches made today at the opening of the second Pan-American Scientific congress.

Men and women from all the republics of the two Americas attended the session, which was held in Congressional Memorial Hall of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

There were more than a thousand of them, including official delegates, guests of the Carnegie Endowment and many others prominent in science and other fields of investigation. Tomorrow they will begin the serious work of congress in sub-continent matters to continue for twelve days. Fifteen other societies meeting here during the same period will hold frequent joint sessions with sections of the scientific congress.

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Esteban Canto came to Mexico in 1913 when as a captain of the Mexican regular army he was placed in command of the Mexican garrison. About a year later he was promoted to the rank of colonel.

When the Carranca forces wrested control of the larger portion of Mexico no special effort was made to overcome Canto's forces, and when the split occurred between General Carranza and Villa, Canto declared his neutrality independent of both.

With the main armies engaged in campaigns in other portions of the peninsula, Canto practically was unopposed until a few months ago when Carranca's officials instituted concerted proceedings to obtain control of several thousand dollars Canto had deposited in Mexicali banks.

A majority of employes in numbering the shipping cases led to the assumption that the painting, insured at \$20,000 had been lost or stolen.

## ASK RECEIVER FOR THE T. & P.

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]  
DALLAS, Dec. 27.—With an application for a receiver for the Texas & Pacific Railroad company, operating under a federal charter filed here today, attorneys for the railroad and for the Bankers' Trust Company of New York, petitioners have commenced preparing material for the hearing in federal court here January 31. The Trust company's action was a complete surprise to the railroad officials.

The plaintiff alleges that interest on an issue of \$25,000,000 second mortgage bonds is in default since 1907. The total amount in default is said to amount to approximately \$14,000,000. The petition asks for an accounting of the earnings and property of the road applicable to the payment of bonds.

Enlistment of those who wish to enter the Mexican army will begin upon the arrival of 5,000 Carranca troops from Naco and Nogales, Sonora due to arrive tomorrow night.

Installation of government civil officers also took place. A police force was organized of Villa soldiers, and dance halls, gambling resorts and saloons were closed so that the newly paid soldiers would have less temptation.

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]  
SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 27.—An urgent appeal for assistance to check rabies caused by mad coyotes among humans being and livestock in eastern Nevada was received by Governor Soper today from Dr. W. B. Mack, veterinarian inspector of Nevada. Dr. Mack says in his message that thirty-three persons have already been infected and have received the Postovac treatment and that losses among livestock have been great. He says extermination of the coyotes and immunization of dogs is the only remedy and that the problem is too big for Nevada to handle.

Governor Soper has called a meeting of the Utah State Livestock Board and the state board of health to consider the situation.

## PEACE" PAINTING WAS NOT STOLEN

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—W. Erichson Paris, trustee of the Museum of French Art, who unapologetically left the French vessel, the *Albion*, last Wednesday, is still silent. His mysterious painting symbolizing "Peace" had disappeared mysteriously after being exhibited here. It is believed that the painting had been taken. A telegram from Paris says the painting was exhibited at the *Salon des Beaux Arts* in Paris.

The news from the other war fronts continues to show no important developments. The Russians are winning successes against weaker enemy hostile forces in Persia; the British in South Persia have had some severe fighting with the Turks without materially affecting the situation; the allies at Sodoudi contemplate finally completed fortification of the minor satisfaction; on the west front there is little to record except minor artillery and bombing operations.

The resumption of German submarine activities is evidenced by the sinking of a half dozen ships in the past 24 hours, with the loss of eight lives. In the case of the French steamer Ville de La Choue, while en route to the port of Marseilles, 100 sailors and 100 crew members of the crew are missing in the case of the Belgian steamer Ministro Bernardo.

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## DIVORCE TARIFF FROM POLITICS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—A campaign to divorce tariff from politics and the establishment of a permanent tariff commission composed of nonpartisan members, were named today as objects which will be insisted by the Pacific Coast Commercial Travelers Association at the twenty-sixth annual conference of the organization.

Dissatisfied from all parts of the Pacific coast were present and they endorsed retiring President Samuel T. Breyer's declaration "that the United States needs a tariff which shall protect legitimate industries only so far as they need protection, and to the extent of the nation's interest to protect them."

Officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, A. Betzel; vice-president, J. H. Parker.

## SCHOONER IS IN DISTRESS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—An unidentified schooner was reported tonight in distress near Windward Island, a few miles inside Cape Flattery. The vessel, which was being driven toward the rocks by a 26-mile wind, was observed sending up distress rockets.

The coast guard cutter Snohomish is outside the case seeking the Peruvian bark Calliope reported in distress last Friday night and cannot go to the schooner's assistance. The United States cruiser Chattanooga, which sailed today for Mexico, is in the vicinity of the distressed schooner and probably will be able to render assistance.

## TWO SHIPS FOR ALASKA SERVICE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—Attractive rates and the closing of the Panama Canal have caused the Pacific-Alaska Navigation company to charter the steamship Admiral Solace and Admiral Clark in the sugar trade between New York and the West Indies. It was announced at the company's offices here today. It is understood that the vessels get a rate of \$600 a day.

The vessels have undergone alterations at Brooklyn, N. Y., to fit them for the requirements of the Seattle-Alaska service. It is the company's intention to bring them to this port in time for the heavy traffic movement to the north next spring.

## PRINCE OF WALES SENT BY KING TO THANK THE INDIAN ARMY IN FRANCE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The departure of the Indian army from France for "another field of action" was the most important feature of the day's news, so far as the British public is concerned. Whether the new field of action is Egypt or Mesopotamia is not announced in both these theaters there are presumably already considerable bodies of Indian troops.

It is assumed that the places of the Indians in France have been filled by stragglers from the new armies raised on the soil of the United Kingdom.

In connection with tonight's announcement it is worth noting the youthful Prince of Wales is taking an active part in the business of the empire. It is expected that the British public, both home and colonial, will feel with a peculiar sense of national pride the king's words to the Indian veterans:

"Before you leave France I send my dear gallant son, the prince of Wales, who has shared with my armies the hardships of the campaign, to thank you in my name."

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The Turkish government, however, has been unable to find a field of operation.

King George in a message delivered to the departing soldiers by the Prince of Wales highly praised them for their courage and endurance, and also highly complimented them in the days of the ever-invaluable conflict.

The Turkish version says that the Turks have suffered a defeat and killed 1,000 of the remainder.

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can make elections unavoidable next month since in the absence of the parliament bill, which prolongs its life for eight months, the present parliament would expire at the end of January.

Concerning the people who make comparison with America during the civil war, the Chronicle argues that Lincoln's action was not a precedent because conditions were different. Lincoln was distrusted by wholesale deserters, while recruiting was stimulated by extravagant bounties.

The Chronicle adds: "Our volunteers arms in one year exceeded in number all the men required by the United States government in the four years of the civil war and that with out drafts to force them or bounties to bribe them."

The Daily Mail understands that David Lloyd-George threatens to resign if the cabinet unless Premier Asquith strictly adheres to his pledge to apply conscription to unmarried soldiers if they fail to present themselves for enlistment under Lord Derby's recruiting scheme.

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### MAY REACH CRISIS TODAY

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The Times parliamentary correspondent asserts that the position is extremely delicate and may become critical today unless handled with firmness and decision.

The Daily Mail announces that Amherst Law, secretary for the colonies, and Lord Kitchener, the war minister, have not yet made their position clear, while A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, resolutely opposed conscription in which he is supported by a majority of the ministers.

But David Lloyd-George, the Marquis of Lansdowne, Earl Curzon, Sir Frederick Smith, J. A. Hobson, Walter Runciman and the Earl of Selborne advocate immediate compulsion.

King George in a message delivered to the departing soldiers by the Prince of Wales highly praised them for their courage and endurance, and also highly complimented them in the days of the ever-invaluable conflict.

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On the Antrim-Belfast front, the British government has given a general order forbidding the firing of shells on the island of Ireland.

The Daily Mail, equally with the Times and the Daily Mail, all conservative papers, sees the possibility of several cabinet resignations on the other alternative, a general election.

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